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## COVER PICTURE

The incident here portrayed is remarkable as being the only one recorded of all that occurred between our Lord's infancy and His maturity. The rest of the interval is covered by the general statement that He was subject to His parents. The exception occurred in a peculiar way. Joseph and Mary had taken Jesus with them to the pass-over at Jerusalem when He was twelve years old. On their return they missed Him from the company and went back to the city where, after long search, they found Him in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. Surely it was a strange spectacle—a mere lad surrounded by grave and learned men, yet speaking with such gravity and modesty as filled them with astonishment. The boy feels that He is in His Father's house and about His Father's business. Dore's picture is admirable in composition and expression.

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# SALVATION IN THREE PARTS

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**T**HE GREEK WORD for salvation was clearly understood by both Jews and pagans. The Jews comprehended its full meaning because of its rich usage in the Old Testament. A study of salvation under the Old Covenant reveals a threefold application: deliverance from sin, healing for sickness, and immortality. (Exodus 15:26; Deuteronomy 28; Psalms 91, 103:3; Job 19:25-27; Isaiah 53:4, 5; etc.)

To the pagans, salvation meant safety, health, prosperity, and it also carried a future implication beyond death. From the Greek word *soteria*, translated to the Latin "salvare," we get such words as salubrious (healthful), salutary (contributing to health), salutation (greeting of health), salvage, and save—all pertaining to health and deliverance. Even our English word *salvation* means "deliverance from the penalty and power of sin" (*Century Dictionary*).

## I. Christian Salvation

Both the noun *soteria* (salvation) and the verb *sozo* (to save) mean deliverance from sin and sickness. The *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, the final authority in New Testament Greek, states, in harmony with older lexicons, that concomitant with its

meaning of "deliverance from sin," salvation also means "freedom from disease." Thus everywhere we see the word *salvation* in the New Testament, unless delimited by context, means healing of soul and body. This dual nature of salvation can be seen in many passages in both Testaments.

Matthew 9 records the account of Christ healing a man sick of the palsy. "Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." To the cantankerous scribes who thought His action to be blasphemy, Jesus asked, "For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?" Then, demonstrating the two phases of His ministry, Christ said unto the sick man, "Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house."

Isalah, the foremost Messianic prophet, 700 years before its actual inauguration, revealed the significance of Christ's death. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" (Isalah 53:4). The Hebrew text is far richer than the King James version. I first discovered its original beauty by reading the passage in a Spanish Bible while leading a Puerto Rican to Christ. It should read "Certainly he suffered our diseases and carried our pains." Is that not more

marvelous and thrilling? The next verse continues displaying our twofold atonement, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

The dreadful flagellation which our Lord endured is also referred to by the Apostle Peter, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Psalms 103, whose title attributes it to David, shows the insight of the lyrical king of Israel concerning the atonement. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Notice the Holy Spirit's use of this parallelism in so many scriptures.

Taking a last look at an Old Testament passage; we find a story in Numbers 21 which typifies the atonement of Christ (John 3:14). Because of sin, God sent a plague of venomous serpents among the Israelites. When they repented of their sins, healing was provided through looking upon a brazen serpent. No power was manifested in the artistry of brass, for Haze-kiah broke it in pieces years later and condemned its veneration (2

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# THINK ON THESE THINGS

*"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things," Philippians 4:8.*

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THE MOST POTENT strength of man lies in his power to think. In recent years much attention has been given to proper development of the muscles, but Paul gives us the most valuable instructions on the proper exercise and development of the mind. We hear much said on how we should conduct ourselves, but little advice is given on how we ought to think. Right thinking must precede right living. The accomplishments of history prove the power of brain over brawn.

A lad sitting on the sandy beach of the Spanish Peninsula, looking out over the great expanse of ocean before him, dreamed of other lands. That dream became a reality when in 1492 Columbus discovered America.

Approximately three hundred years later a group of staunch, far-sighted statesmen envisioned this land a free and independent nation. Because of this vision a young man by the name of Thomas Jefferson drew up a document known as the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States was adopted by the first Continental Congress.

In the early years of the nineteenth century Orville Wright conceived the idea of man flying like a bird, and with this fantastic thought he set to work to build the first airplane. In our own generation, a man by the name of Einstein gazed into the deep recesses of nature and figured out the theory of atomic energy which has opened up unlimited and staggering possibilities of scientific development.

These things and many more are the product of divine providence, muscle and the ingenuity of the mind of man. What power God has delegated to the mind!

Not only has the power of thought brought about material progress, but also God works through the minds of men for spiritual development. In the dim twilight of early history, God allowed a thought to germinate in the mind of a man called Abram which changed the religious life of the human race. As Abram realized the futility of his father's idols, God spoke to him and showed him a better way to worship his Creator. Moses longed for the deliverance of his brothers in Egyptian bondage and God answered the yearning of his soul by giving him a mandate for their deliverance.

As Saul thought of the strange behavior of Stephen,

the first martyr for the Church, God struck him to the ground and sent him on his way as the great champion of the cause of Christ and His Church. Martin Luther became suspicious of the evils of Catholicism and after prayer and meditation proclaimed salvation by faith. Again religion was revolutionized to the masses, and the great Reformation broke the throes of the Dark Ages and set at liberty the souls of men to think and worship as they pleased.

In the first part of the twentieth century hungry seekers for truth, dissatisfied with the form of religion that characterized their day, began to study, meditate and pray. God answered the desires of their hearts by pouring out upon them the Holy Ghost. He gave to the world a rebirth of Pentecost, and the Church of God, as we know it today, was reborn.

As God has enlightened the minds and souls of men, true religion has progressed slowly by the process of revolution to fill the spiritual needs of men through the ages. This progress has been possible because man has been a diligent seeker after truth. Just as Abram experienced a richer and fuller religious life with God, and Israel found Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey, the Church as it continues to follow the light of truth will experience intervals of renewed strength and heights of glory not yet attained until it finally culminates in that greatest of all triumphs, the rapture of the Church of God.

Businessmen, realizing the power of the mind, have joined with the inspired writers to encourage freedom of thought by conspicuously displaying the word "THINK" in shops, show windows, and other places of business. Educators, recognizing the value of individual thought, have designed methods of teaching that provoke students to think for themselves.

The founding fathers of our country, having few sources of information, were great thinkers. They wanted the paths of thought to be open for posterity. With this in mind they drew up the broad outlines of rules by which individuals were to be governed. They did not attempt to control the mind of man. As we reflect that all literature, speeches, sermons, and inventions are the result of thought, we understand why great men of all ages have encouraged the use of our intellects to the fullest extent. God has endowed His creatures with wisdom to grasp divine truth, but He has chosen to respect the sovereignty of man.

mind and soul, and while He may plead for allegiance, He does not force His will on anyone. Man accepts or rejects God's plan of redemption by his own choice.

God's Word of truth is clear concerning His will for man; yet He has left to the wisdom of the mind and conscience many details of human conduct. The Master summed up the rules by which our lives are to be governed in one sentence: Love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. If we live in harmony with that great commandment, surely we shall meet the requirements of Him who did no sin, but was the embodiment of perfection.

True religion has certain basic truths which are indispensable to the Christian way of life, and we must hold these sacred principles inviolate. However, many have formulated rules for human behavior which the Word does not teach and have caused considerable disunity by condemning those who did not agree with their views. When Christians stop reading between the lines and take the plain truth as stated, there will be more understanding and fellowship among the mass of diversified personalities who are honestly and sincerely striving to live a Christian life.

True religion is a mystery. Perhaps that is the reason there are so many facets to the subject. God's Word contains truths yet unexplored which we shall find as we continue our search through prayer and meditation. Many well-meaning inhibited souls have deplored the idea of even thinking of anything in the field of religion except that particular dictum that has been handed down by tradition, and have branded everything else as false. If the disciples had done this, they would have remained in Judaism under the law of circumcision. Thank God for men like Peter and Paul who were not afraid to change their way of thinking when the light of truth was revealed to them.

We are living in an intellectual world where people know the difference between tradition and the Word of God. They deplore much of tradition, but many of them will respect the Word of God when they hear it. This is a day when only the true Word will stand.

True preaching must be based on the Word of divine truth. The disciples threw off the long cherished customs of Judaism and declared that the gospel of Christ was for the gentiles as well as the Jews.

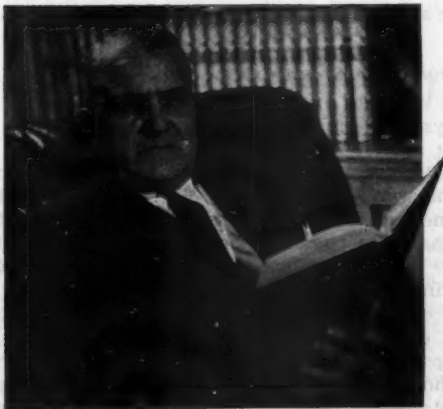
When Luther spear-headed the great movement of the Protestant Reformation and the printed Word was placed in the hands of the masses, the people began to think for themselves and civilization made great strides forward both spiritually and economically. True religion is never stale, but ever fresh and new. Pentecost, as we know it today, was a spiritual revolution, and as the Church continues its search for spiritual truth, it will experience greater triumphs in the future.

As the mind of man is a great powerhouse which may be used for great good and God's glory, or as we have seen in the past, may be used for great evil, we should give much consideration to what we think. As the same newspaper, radio or television that brings in the gospel message may also bring in evil messages, so the same mind that thinks good may also think evil. Because man may think evil is not to say that the mind should be dispensed with, but rather it should be brought under the control of the Holy Spirit and used for proper thinking.

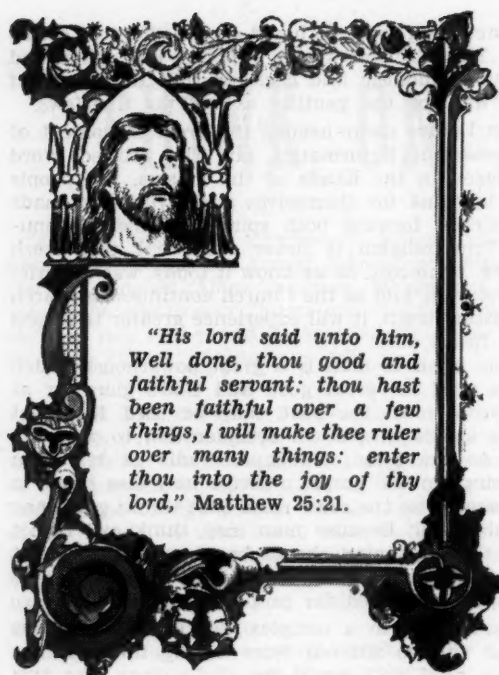
We are living in a complex world and Christians must be able to sift out from among the evil that which is good and use it for God's glory. For this purpose God has given us the mysterious organism of the mind and He will teach us by His Spirit as we yield ourselves to Him in prayer and meditation.

Proper thinking will result in proper living and in joyous living. Many are depressed and troubled because of wrong thinking. Paul said, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." It is possible for man to soar to the sublimest realms of God's eternal sphere, or sink to the lowest regions of sensualness and evil. With the intellect man may dwell amongst the angels and commune with God and His Son and the Holy Ghost, or he may keep company with the fiends of hell. The true path of thought is most important, yet

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# The New Testament Doctrine of Stewardship

## PART I

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THROUGHOUT THE New Testament, Christian service is interpreted in terms of stewardship. This vital concept is an integral part of the core of Christian doctrines. For example, the doctrine of the church as the instrument of God in this world, comprised of "members in particular" who function organically as the body of Christ in lieu of His bodily presence, could have no real meaning apart from stewardship. In fact, we cannot conceive of worldwide propagation of the gospel without the burden of stewardship. Therefore, if the concept of stewardship is of such importance, we must discover its meaning and message for our lives.

The treatment which follows will focus on the Christian's life and labor in terms of stewardship in three major areas of the New Testament: (1) The Gospels, (2) The Acts of the Apostles, and (3) The Pauline Epistles.

### STEWARDSHIP IN THE GOSPELS

#### 1. The Term "Steward"

There are two Greek terms translated "steward" in the English Bible. The more important one is *oikonomos*, which means literally a house-manager or the administrator of a household. Luke 16 gives a typical picture of the steward-master relationship. In everyday life, the owner of an estate usually had several stewards, or one steward over several laborers. The steward was considered the owner's right-hand man, and during the absence of the lord, he took full charge of all his master's affairs. Such is the basic idea behind those parables of Jesus wherein the word *oikonomos* appears.

The second term, *epitropos*, has virtually the same meaning as the former. It denotes one to whom something is "turned over" or committed. It implies liberty and authority to act in the stead of another. Both "trustee" and "guardian" would be adequate translations.

In the parables of Jesus, the framework within which we find the steward varies. The steward may appear as a servant under a king or under the "master of the house." Again, the picture may be that of laborers under the lord of the harvest. But regardless of the setting, the role of the steward is unmistakably clear.

#### 2. Parables on Stewardship

*The Vineyard of the Lord.* In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus conveys the message of stewardship to us by comparing service in the kingdom to work in a vineyard. We are told that a householder went forth to hire laborers (*husbandmen*) (*cf.* Matthew 21:33) for his vineyard. On another occasion, Jesus had referred to himself as the "master of the house" (Matthew 10:25). The householder is also called the "lord of the vineyard" (Matthew 20:8; *cf.* Matthew 21:40). There can be no mistake that the Lord Jesus Christ is the central figure in this parable and that He is calling and enlisting workers in His service.

Without pressing the parable under consideration for details, we must note a most searching question



that was uttered by the Lord of the vineyard to the prospective workers: "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" (Matthew 20:6). Their answer was, "Because no man hath hired us." Perhaps they were justified for their inactivity up to this point. The fact which we must frankly face here, however, is that we of the twentieth century cannot hide behind this excuse. We know what is to be done. For almost two millennia, the light of the gospel commission has shone brightly. Because of responsive hearts, the torch of evangelism has been and is being carried to the dark corners of the world. Therefore, the question on idleness is a great indictment to us if we be found guilty of this sin. The Lord is looking for workers who will faithfully bear "the burden and heat of the day," and He will continue to call men into His service until the eleventh hour.

**The Harvest of the Lord.** Akin to the analogy of the vineyard is Jesus' picture of service in terms of sowing seed and reaping a harvest. The work of the sower (John 4:37), the plowman who cultivates (Luke 9:62), and the reaper (John 4:36-38) are all component parts of the overall task of the church. However, greater stress seems to be laid on the "harvest" than on the other phases.

Jesus expressed the great disproportion between the enormity of the harvest and the fewness of the reapers when He said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37; cf. Luke 10:2). This statement sprang out of Jesus' own experience. At the time, He was touring Galilee, going through cities and villages, teaching and preaching, and "healing every sickness and every disease among the people" (Matthew 9:35). The Word reads: "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matthew 9:36). It is no wonder that He interprets the destitute condition of the masses by way of a vast harvest. The pathetic scenes in Galilee were but typical of the plight of the whole world. Jesus was gripped with a compassion for sufferers that drove Him "into the next towns" (Mark 1:38) in order that they, too, might benefit from His ministry of deliverance. But our Lord was only *one* among so many, ministering

under the burden and limitation of human flesh. The vastness of the task demanded the help of additional forces. He told the Twelve, "Pray ye therefore the lord of the harvest that he will send forth [as missionaries] labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

In view of the urgent task before them, Jesus early in His ministry warned the disciples about procrastination and idleness. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; **FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST**" (John 4:35). Notice that the warning is based on the question which we might paraphrase, "Are there not four months yet before harvest time?" This question which colored the disciples' thinking was based on the seasonal concept of harvest, preceded by seeding and cultivation. But Jesus would have them know that "harvest time" was a perennial job. Just to look around everywhere, they could see the human "fields of grain" ripe and bowed down, waiting for the reapers' sickles. There was no time to be wasted; every moment was precious. Procrastination and negligence would permit the grain to fall to the ground unreaped, only to perish.

Right *then* was the time for them to work; *now* is the time for us. The apostles labored during their day, but the night soon came. Our day has not yet been engulfed by night. We must, as stewards of God, envision and reap the harvest of lost men that lies before us. Remember the warning of Jesus Himself: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: **THE NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK**" (John 9:4).

**The Journeying Master.** Very important in our study are those parables of Jesus which depict stewardship in terms of service during the absence of the lord. These accounts should stir us more than any others, inasmuch as they relate to the imminent second coming of Christ. They have a very noticeable deterrent appeal; namely, that the Lord Himself will return suddenly, without immediate warning, and will require all of us to give an account of our stewardship.

In the parable of the pounds, Jesus compares Him-  
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## The Bible Speaks on "Worry"



PSALM 55:22

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.



MATTHEW 6:28, 29

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.



And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

GALATIANS 6:9



He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

PSALM 21:3, 5

# The Horde of the Red Dragon

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## CONCLUSION

Statements used in this article are those which I found in various Roman Catholic magazines, newspapers, and books that I personally own or that I have used in various public libraries throughout the United States during my ministry.

Having done extensive research on this subject for over nine years, I have used it as sermon topics many times.

God help us all to hearken unto His Word and to be bold in the Spirit of God to declare the whole counsel of God.

**A**S PART ONE of this article dealt with the Horde of the Red Dragon under the faction named Communism, we now reveal the vast power and number amassed under Roman Catholicism. First let us be reminded of the Scriptures which were used in part one:

"And there appeared another wonder [sign] in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:3, 9). (A description of the scarlet beast.)

John records, "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:3-5).

The short poem below certainly describes the Roman Catholic Church and plainly shows its relationship to the above Scriptures:

"Rome's heart is false, and foul, and Rome's array,  
Purple and scarlet, tear the mark away.  
The pearls, the silk, the mitres, the display,  
Strip from her form, unsightly; life each fold,  
And show her as she is, mishapen, old.  
Wrinkled and withered, covered with the grime;  
Layer upon layer of centuries of crime.  
Her arms, her hands, her fingers crusted red,  
With all the blood of martyrs that she shed."  
"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood

of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration [astonishment]" (Revelation 17:6).

It was to Rome the Babylonians transferred their mysterious pagan religion. Emperor Gratian in A.D. 376 refused to accept the pagan title, Supreme Pontiff, but Damascus, the worldly-wise bishop of Rome, did.

Quoting a portion from Ferreris *Ecclesiastical Dictionary* we can better understand the Roman Catholic view: "The pope is of such dignity and highness that he is not simply a man, but, as it were, God. He is of such great dignity and power that he occupies one and the same tribunal with Christ; so that whatsoever the pope does seems to proceed from the mouth of God. He is, as it were, God on earth."

I quote also from the *Pope's Encyclical*: "The Romish church has the right to exercise authority without limit set to it by the civil power. The pope and the priests ought to have dominion over civil affairs. The Romish church has a right to immunity from civil law."

Pope Innocent III stated, "The pope holds the place of the true God." A phrase used in crowning a pope was, "Receive the tiara and know that thou art Father of princes and kings, ruler of the world."

On the pope's headdress is written: "Vicarius Filii Dei," which means, "Vicar of Jesus Christ," or "Substitute for the Son of God." According to the triple crown he wears, he puts himself as the head of the church triumphant, head of the church militant, and head of the temporal powers of the world. (Compare this with Revelation 13:6.) This is rank blasphemy, for Jesus' words as recorded in Matthew 28:18 are, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

At the time of the revelation of Jesus Christ to John on the Isle of Patmos, Rome was in power as the sixth kingdom. Today the imperial power of Rome is being revived. Through the papacy, a false peace will be accomplished, and a confederated world power of ten kingdoms will be inaugurated. (The pope declares he is prince of this world.) This revived Rome will be the seventh kingdom (see Revelation 13:3), and from this revived imperial power of Rome arises the eighth kingdom mentioned in Revelation 17:11. This power will finally destroy ecclesiastical Rome, so that he alone may be worshipped.

Surely you are aware that even now apostate Christendom is merging with the papacy through the



unity of religions (a Protestant Papacy which receives no protest any more), under the title, The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This group denies the true principles of the divine ordinances of God.

If the pope is the ruler of the world, the prince of this age, then Jesus' statement in John 14:30 puts the pope in league with the devil, Satan, and the RED DRAGON. His words are: "Hereafter, I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

The false prophecy of the papacy is snaring and blinding countless hosts (hordes), giving them a false hope in a church, teaching them that salvation and deliverance are by good works, and that the pope is the only divine mediator (vicar of Christ). But God's Word reminds us so plainly, "*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time*" (1 Timothy 2:5, 6). "*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world [devil, Satan] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them*" (2 Corinthians 4:3, 4).

In 1957, news came from England that there were more priests, monks, nuns, monasteries, and convents in that country than at any time prior to the great Reformation. Many bishops and clergymen within the Church of England are openly advocating reunion with Rome. Thousands of earnest Christians are leaving their parish churches because Romanizing practices are being accepted. The bishop of Monmouth and other pro-Roman ecclesiastics have even agitated against the coronation oath and demanded the removal of the word, "Protestant." This they could not accomplish then, but Rome is putting forth every effort to win England back to the fold.

The Rt. Rev. Gerald Francis Burrill, an Episcopal bishop of Chicago, says that a merger of Christianity's many sects can be achieved only by reunion with the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ.

Speaking at the Chair of Unity Octave observance in Washington, D.C., Bishop James J. Navagh, auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, said, "Do we want America to be Catholic? The answer is, 'We want America to be Catholic just as we want the whole world to be Catholic, for such is the will of God! . . . It is our duty to make America Catholic.'"

According to the last report of the *Official Catholic Directory* for 1957, Roman Catholics in the United States and its territories now number 34,563,851, an increase of 989,834 in the past year. Of this number 141,525 were converted to Catholicism during 1957. Brazil, South America, numbers over 48 million Roman Catholics in her population; Italy has over 47 million and France more than 35 million. The world total of Roman Catholic priests was estimated to be more than 362,000, with over 246,000 of them in Europe. According to the latest reports, there are over 485 million Roman Catholics in the entire world.

The November 26, 1932, issue of the *Catholic*

*Herald* stated, "The Catholic Church is always prepared to come to terms with any government in the world; pagan, tyrannical, dictatorial, republican, imperial, monarchical—the church makes no distinction." The temporal power of Rome over other existing powers is set forth in the famous "Bull Unam Sanctum" issued by Pope Boniface VIII. It declares: "In her [the Roman Church] and within her power, there are two swords as taught in the gospels, namely, the spiritual sword, and the temporal sword . . . ; the latter is to be used for the Church, the former by the Church. The former is to be used by the hand of the priest, the latter by the hand of the princes and kings but at the nod and sufferance of the priest. The one sword must of necessity be subject to the other, and the temporal authority to the spiritual."

One book, bearing the official imprimatur of the Roman Catholic Church, entitled *Institutions of Public Ecclesiastical Law*, by P. Marianus de Luca, S. J. (1900) states: "The good that is most necessary to the Church is the unity of the true faith, and that cannot be preserved unless the heretic be handed over to death. . . . The church is a perfect society; and that we assume as proved. Then the right of the sword is the necessary and effective means to the attainment of its end. . . . There is no graver offense than heresy, owing to the harm it does to the Christian state, and, therefore, it must be rooted out with fire and sword."

### Handwriting on the Wall



Who is a heretic according to Roman Catholic terminology? As given in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, a heretic is one who rejects in part Roman Catholic doctrine and who secedes from the church. The Huguenots, Hussites, Calvinists, Puritans, and Lutherans are all singled out as examples.

Mystery Babylon and organized Christianity became united under one head in A.D. 325. To put over its heretical teachings, the church then made its priests the sole interpreters of doctrine and took away the Bible from the common people, lest they should read and know and understand the truth. The reformers, however, rejected those teachings which they found contrary to the Scriptures and withdrew from the Roman Church in order to return to primitive Christianity. For this cause the Roman Church sought in every diabolical way to destroy Protestantism, because they protested against all that was contrary to the Scriptures. The pages of history are crimson with the blood of Christian martyrs slain by papal Rome. Rome proposes to do it again, only in a more subtle way, through the world order she is now forming.

Vatican finances have long been a mystery to many, but now the *United Nations World* has obtained some detailed information from authoritative sources inside the Vatican. This was published in an article entitled "Inside Story," December, 1952. The article states that the church treasury amounts to several billion dollars, mostly gold bullion, some of which was acquired as an indirect gift from the United States government. Virtually none of the popes' riches are kept in the Vatican vaults, but a portion is invested in international stocks and bonds, while the remainder has been deposited with the U.S.A. Federal Bank in the shape of gold ingots. Moreover, most of the gold was acquired in America at a special price to the Vatican of \$34 per ounce instead of the official rate of \$35. At that time, Signor Bernadino Nogara, Vice-President of the Commercial Bank of Italy, managed the papal fortune through the services of three world-famous banking firms: J. P. Morgan (now deceased) of New York City, Hambro of London, and the Swiss Credit Bank of Zurich. The Vatican state treasury should not be confused with the so-called Church Patrimony, which consists of mobile and immobile assets of Catholic Churches all over the world, nor with the Institute of Religious Works, a modern investment bank operated by Roman cardinals.

Mystery Babylon is Biblically described as one clothed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, decked with gold, precious stones, and pearls. Because of her great purchasing power, she has made the merchants of the world rich.

It must be remembered that the pope is the actual owner of all goods and property belonging to the Catholic Churches in all countries, including the United States. The canon law is explicit on this point, stating in canon 1518: "*Romanus Pontifex est supremus administrator et dispensator omnium bonorum ecclesiasticorum.*" English translation of this is: "The Roman pontiff is the supreme administrator

and dispenser of all the goods and properties of the church." Thus an alien sovereign, not subject to the laws of the United States government, controls the vast wealth and possessions of the Roman Catholic Churches throughout the United States.

Edward Lodge Curran, in a pamphlet published by the International Catholic Truth Society, Brooklyn, New York, states, "If Christ came back in flesh and blood, He would be a Catholic today; He would feel at home in no church but the Catholic Church." According to a report in the November, 1957, issue of the *Catholic Register*, more than 100,000 Negro Americans had been baptized Catholics in the past decade. There are 500,000 Negro Catholics in the nation, two thirds of which live in the southern states. Nearly 160,000 are in Louisiana alone. The publication also stated that every year the church receives 10,000 new Negro Catholics, and claims 10 million African followers.

Are not these startling facts, when we are made to see how the RED DRAGON is adding a great HORDE to himself by the doctrines of communism, and Catholicism? Millions are falling all around us, and so few are concerned. Did you know that a portion of the "Syllabus of Pope Pius IX," issued in 1864, states: "Education outside the Catholic Church is damnable heresy. The Church has the right to require that the Catholic religion be the only religion of the state, to the exclusion of all others."

Already 85 per cent of the United States government is controlled by the voice of the Roman Church through various mediums of politics. Our country, as well as many others, makes decisive moves only at the voice of the pope at Rome. We have a personal representative who confers with the pope at all times.

There are only approximately 300 million born-again believers in the world today, compared to the great HORDE OF THE RED DRAGON. This is comparable to Gideon's 300, but hallelujah, truth shall prevail. Let us check a few teachings of the Roman Catholic Church in the light of God's Word, and then choose our side.

The first Catholic Church in the world was organized in A.D. 324, under Constantine, when apostate church members of that age merged with the state, thus creating a seemingly deified state (Fascist State), nearly 291 years after Jesus returned to the Father in heaven. Almost a thousand years after the apostles, lent was imposed by the Roman Catholic Church.

The teaching of lent is not Biblical; in fact, it is contrary to the Word of God. Compare the Catholic teaching that states: "The good works and the holy fasting of this season were instituted as an atonement for blotting out our sins," with Ephesians 2:8, 9; "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast.*"

Another statement from the *Sunday Visitor*, dated February 11, 1940, reads, "The pope himself could not excuse one from penance. Christ has said to all: Do penance, or you shall all likewise perish." But Christ said, "*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye REPENT,*

ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). Certainly there is no room in God's Word for atonement by good works.

They further state: "Only marriages are valid which are contracted before a parish priest. Therefore, all that are not married by a Catholic priest and sanctioned by the Roman Church are living in adultery, and their children are born out of wedlock, making them, therefore, bastards." (Statement by Pope Pius X, August 2, 1907.)

Do they in reality teach a born-again experience, and the efficacy of the blood of Jesus Christ, as often supposed? Let us note the following extract from one of their own papers, the *Columbia*, from the article entitled, "The Scapular Feast": "Let all of you have a common language, and a common armour: the language, the sentence of the Gospel; the armour, the scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, which you all ought to wear, and which enjoys the singular privileges of protection even after death. Protection after death is the meaning of July 16. It is the Victory Feast of Mary; the day on which she promised through St. Simon Stock, that any one who dies clothed in her scapular shall not suffer the fires of hell. . . . On this day, sings the church in preface of the mass, Mary took to herself sons of love through the holy scapular. On this day, the queen of heaven stooped to earth to fold us beneath her mantle where Satan cannot touch us. She took her children so completely under her protection that as long as they remain with her, by means of wearing her sign, they can be sure that they will not die in mortal sin. . . . It is the day when she set her promissory seal upon an ancient doctrine of the church, the doctrine that any one devoted to her cannot be lost."

This scapular is a brown cloth (now a woven cord) worn over the shoulder with a medal on each panel, one bearing the picture of Mary, the other the picture of St. Simon Stock. At the beginning of World War II, over 500,000 were distributed to Catholic soldiers and whoever else would accept them in the armed forces.

When compared with the true teaching of the Bible, we wonder how educated men and women could accept such a false doctrine. Speaking of Jesus, the Bible says, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith, not Mary. (Note Hebrews 12:2.) We are cleansed through the blood of Jesus Christ. "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22). "So Christ [not Mary] was once offered to bear the sins of many and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28).

Mary is not the sign either, but Jesus is the sign to all, and the Holy Spirit is the one whereby we are sealed. "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed ye were

sealed with the holy spirit of promise, which is the earnest of your inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Ephesians 1:13, 14; 4:30).

During the 19th century, the Roman Church invented the doctrine that Mary was born without sin. Here is one of the late prayers invented for the servicemen to chant on their rosary to the virgin Mary: "My queen, my mother, I give myself entirely to thee. And to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day—my eyes, my ears, my heart, my mouth, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good mother, keep me, guard me as thy property and possession." From *Sunday Visitor*, Saginaw, Michigan, May 23, 1943.)

The Roman Church now states that the Jew will be far better under a Catholic regime than any other, even the Communist.

Cannot we see where it is all leading? It is the foundation being laid to prepare the mass, the great HORDE, all whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life, to follow the Beast. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

Truly the Roman Catholic doctrine is the forerunner of the devil's incarnation, the Anti-Christ beast. The voice of the Roman Church is the false prophet, and the pope is its head. The Anti-Christ is going to make a covenant with the Jews, but will break it in the middle of the week (Daniel 9:27).

Note the portion of a startling newspaper article that follows: "Rome, Italy, September 15, 1952 (U.P.) Father John Baptist Janssens of Belgium today was elected superior general of the Society of Jesus (The Order of Jesuits), the Catholic Churches' most powerful religious order. The Jesuit Order, which was founded in 1539, has been without an elected superior general since 1941, when Father Leopold Lodochowski of Poland died in Rome. The new Superior General will wear a black frock and be called The Black Pope. Pope Pius XII is called The White Pope, and Cardinal Carlo Salotti, superior of the Order of Propagation of the Faith is called The Red Pope." The Catholic Church claims to be the mother church, and truly she is, according to the Bible, the mother of harlots (Revelation 17:5). "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4).

Oh, Catholics, Communists, Protestants, awake, arise, repent; turn, turn unto the Lord. Under RED RUSSIA and RED ROME, the RED DRAGON is amassing the HORDE. Our only hope is not in a church, nor in an order but in Christ Jesus, the Son of the living God. Let us be thankful that we are members of the body of Christ and belong to the Church of God.

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## SALVATION IN THREE PARTS

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Kings 18:1-4). It was, however, an antetype of Christ's vicarious suffering for our sicknesses.

Paul and Barnabas were thought to be the gods Mercury and Jupiter by the people of Lystra when, through the power of God, they cured an impotent invalid, crippled from his mother's womb.

Throughout the inspired revelation of the Gospels, we read that Christ healed ALL that came to Him. Never did He turn one away. Why did He display God's will by healing all who came to Him? Matthew 8:17 gives the answer, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

James gives important advice to the sick, still showing the two meanings of salvation. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; . . . and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." Obviously James is referring to being healed in that part for the verse continues, "and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14, 15).

Blind Bartimaeus cried unto the Son of David for healing near the city of Jericho where he begged. Jesus met his need both spiritually and physically with one sentence: "Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee" (Luke 18:42, Mark 10:46). In Mark's Gospel it is translated "healed" whereas Luke translated it "saved."

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). "Saviour" comes from *soter* and may be translated "healer and preserver." How congruous this is with one of God's names in the Old Testament—Jehovah-rapha, "I am the Lord God which healeth thee."

### II. Salvation Is Deliverance From Sin

Inasmuch as we are intimate with this part of salvation, let us consider three facts concerning both deliverance from sin and freedom from sickness.

First, salvation is by Christ alone. Acts 4:12 says "Neither is there

salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The Greek says, "There is no second name." "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). "For there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Here is indisputable proof that neither deliverance from sin nor sickness can come through any intercessor other than Christ. Neither the virgin Mary, nor any other deceased saint can influence the heavenly Father who predestined His Son to be the way. No one can claim power to give any phase of salvation; it is a gift of God (Ephesians 2:8).

Second, salvation is for all. "The Lord . . . is longsuffering to us-

### Bible Verse



ISAIAH 40:29

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to EVERY one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). If God were to keep His promises for some in healing either the soul or body and were to refuse to substantiate His word for others, God could correctly be accused of being a liar and a respecter of persons. God cannot lie; God is no respecter of persons (Numbers 23:19; Romans 2:11).

Third, salvation is in the present. "Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). If you need healing, claim it now! If you need cleansing, accept it now!

### III. Salvation Is a Future Possession

We have looked upon the root and the branch, but the bud has a beautiful flowering awaiting. When you have one, in a sense you have all.

"It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans 13:11). Obviously Paul is referring to a future event which by necessity is closer today than when Paul wrote the epistle. The rapture of the church is about to occur. Jesus is coming!

Put on "for a helmet the HOPE of salvation" (1 Thessalonians 5:8). Clearly, salvation has a third future phase of immortality. "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28). The Revised Version states it more patently, "He shall appear the second time, not to deal with sin, but to give us full salvation." Is this not the event of 1 Corinthians 15:52, 53 when in the moment and twinkling of an eye we shall be changed, when "this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality?"

Christ appeared the first time to save us from the penalty and power of sin. He will appear again in mid-air to save us from the very presence of sin.

Dr. A. J. Gordon frequently told the story of an American who, with an Englishman, was viewing Niagara Falls. Taking the Englishman to the foot of the falls, the American said, "There is the greatest unused power in the whole world." The Englishman replied, "No, no, my friend. The greatest unused power in the world is the Holy Spirit of the living God." —Zula Evelyn Coon in *Worship Services From the Hymns* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

I stood the other day at George Washington Carver's grave. I thought of him as a slave boy and also as the great man he became. I wondered, if I had seen him as that slave boy, if I could have visualized him as the man. Well, love looks at every unlikely situation and sees its possibilities. "Love never faileth. . . ." —Charles L. Allen in *All Things Are Possible Through Prayer* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

## THINK ON THESE THINGS

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so easy to lose. Paul knew we needed guidance when he said, "Whatsoever things are true, . . . honest, . . . just, . . . pure . . . think on these things."

Truth is safer in the realms of free-thinking men. Whenever the masses have been permitted to study the truth of God's Word for themselves, they have upheld truth and civilization has made progress in every way. Freedom of thought must precede freedom in other fields. Some have construed religious freedom as freedom from government, but such is not in harmony with divine truth. Freedom of thought comes nearest producing righteous government. After searching their hearts for truth, our founding fathers determined on a democratic form of government. Experience has proved how true their thinking was.

Under democracy we have government and we have freedom. By their wise thinking, we have a government that is protected from tyranny and dictatorship by the organization of the different branches which act as checks and balances of each other, thus guaranteeing a government by the people, for the people, and of the people. Under this form of government every individual is encouraged to think for himself, and is free to speak his thoughts without restraint or intimidation. This allows constructive criticism, and thus insures a healthy government. Nothing could impede economic or religious progress more than suppression of freedom of thought and speech, for it has been by a steady stream of fresh new thought that this nation has marched steadily forward in the great march of civilization. As long as men are allowed to exercise their God-given prerogative of freedom of thought and speech, freedom to search God's Word and put into practice its tenets, truth will ever find its course and light our paths as we journey to our heavenly goal.

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## THE NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINE OF STEWARDSHIP

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self to a certain nobleman who went temporarily into a distant country, leaving his servants in charge of his affairs. To his servants he gave this solemn charge: "*Occupy till I come*" (Luke 19:13). These words indicate that he expected them to carry on his business in *his name* faithfully and efficiently, as though he were personally present with them.

A similar parable concerning the departure of the Son of Man is recorded in Mark 13:34-37, where the stress is laid solely on *vigilance*. In this account, the lord of the house, just before leaving on his journey, gave authority to his servants, laid out the work of each one, and commanded the porter (doorkeeper) to *watch*. While relating this parable, Jesus turned to His disciples and said, "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh . . . Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I SAY UNTO ALL, WATCH." The "all"

whom Jesus warns includes every present-day believer. We, too—especially the ministers of the Word—have our work laid out. Our industry for the Lord begins and ends with watchfulness. Spiritual lethargy and laxity will strip us of our vitality unless we ever recall His injunction to *watch*.

The most serious aspect of stewardship, according to the Gospels, relates to the *reckoning day* when we must give an account of our service here. The certainty of our giving an account as stewards was stressed frequently by Jesus (*cf.* Matthew 25:19; Luke 19:15). The fact of the forthcoming judgment of our works should incite us to do more for the Lord while we still have time.

From the parable of the talents in Matthew 25, we note that stewardship is predominantly a personal matter. Here the master of the house, prior to his departure, delivered his goods *proportionately* to his servants. "And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; TO EVERY ONE ACCORDING TO HIS SEVERAL ABILITY . . ." (Matthew 25:15). Thus, the responsibilities varied according to each man's capacity. The master would not require of any servant service beyond the sphere of his own capacity; nor would he require an increment beyond the potentiality of his talent. Here is the standard for judgment at the day of reckoning. When the master of the house returned, he examined the faithfulness and profitable results of each servant in light of the particular number of talents entrusted to him. Jesus stated this in a principle when he said, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48).

When the Lord calls every man to answer for his stewardship, each case will be either satisfactory or unsatisfactory, acceptable or unacceptable. The "faithful and wise steward" will be rewarded (*cf.* Matthew 24:45-47; Luke 12:42-44; 19:17-19). The unfaithful steward will be punished. The honor of having been a steward of the Lord will be taken away (Luke 16:1, 2). The Lord will indict the unfaithful on two basic grounds—the *lack of vigilance* and *idleness*. Associated with the lack of vigilance are unbelief concerning the imminent return of the Lord and profligate participation in the works of the flesh (Matthew 24:48-50). Indolence and slothfulness are contrary to the very meaning of stewardship. Judgment must inevitably fall the lot of the idler, whom Jesus calls "the unprofitable servant." Our Lord has reminded us, ". . . but from him that hath not [that is, whose ministry has been unproductive] shall be taken away even that which he hath" (Matthew 25:29).

### 3. Lest Any Should Boast . . .

Stewardship conveys not only responsibility but also honor and privileges by virtue of position. Rather than a means to an end, an individual might esteem himself as an end. Self-delight can accrue from accomplishment. Often this is facilitated because encomium and glory are grossly misplaced on the steward rather than on the Lord.

We turn to a frank and unmistakably clear state-



ment of Jesus at this point, lest any should boast. These are His words to us: "When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: WE HAVE DONE THAT WHICH WAS OUR DUTY TO DO" (Luke 17:10). We note that the word "unprofitable" is applied to both unfaithful and faithful stewards. However, the sources of the judgments involving this term are different. From the discussion above, we saw that the Lord Himself calls the unfaithful, "unprofitable." In the

second case, however, "unprofitable" denotes humility as the faithful steward judges himself. Our Lord would have us understand that whatever we have done, are doing now, or shall ever do for Him, constitutes no basis for boasting because we are only frail human servants. Apart from the grace of Him who strengtheneth us, we can do nothing. What we do stems from debt and duty. Whatever reward we receive will not be self-imposed; it will come directly from the hand of the Master.



## testimonies

### God Delivers Through Prayer

HOUMA, La.—The Lord has been good to us. My wife had a red spot on her leg close to her ankle. She was not able to walk for over two months this summer. Every summer for a period of twelve years, she has had pain in her leg. Brother and Sister Duke, from the Church of God, came to our home and prayed for her. She was immediately delivered of the pain and is now walking.

My sister, Mary Ann LeBoeuf, had been sick all summer with rheumatism. She has been to the hospital a few times. Sister Duke prayed for her and she was delivered.

The Lord has done wonderful things in our home. My mother, seventy-six years old, belongs to the Church of God. She was blessed in her old age. We are happy to say that we are now living joyfully in the Lord. Please pray for us.

—Joseph LeBoeuf

### Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus

GARDENA, Calif.—I would like to praise my wonderful Saviour and Keeper for all the many things He has done for me. First of all, I praise Him for saving my soul from sin and giving me sweet peace. Wonderful! Wonderful is He. No word can explain His goodness.

When I was in sin I was afraid to go to sleep. I would have some kind of spells, so that I couldn't move, not even my eyes. I have an aunt who is a dear saint of God. She prayed for me once and I got better for awhile, but it came back worse than before. I was afraid to lie down for fear of dying. I had a dream once that I had gone to hell, but still I didn't turn to God. The devil really had me bound. I couldn't stand to listen to church programs for God was dealing with me. I got a job, thinking that would help me, but you can't run away from God.

One day my husband asked me if I would like to go to the Church of God in Torrance, California. I was surprised, for he was Baptist. I could hardly stand to sit during the service. I knew I would have to give up my make-up and let my hair grow out, but I was still trying to hold on.

The next day I had a wreck. A car ran a red light and hit me. I was so shocked and frightened when I came to myself, that I began to thank God and cry. I still hadn't given my heart to Him, but we went to church a few more times.

On Sunday morning, December 9, 1956, Brother Broome gave an altar call. My husband jumped up and went to the altar. I still sat there. My Sunday School teacher came over and put her arms around me. That really touched me. I almost ran to the altar. (My little girl, 9 at the time, went with

my husband). When he got saved he wanted me to be saved, too. He was happy when he saw me praying. It has been like heaven on earth since. God has been so good to us and so real in our lives!

I wouldn't trade my sweet Jesus for anything. Pray that my family and I will ever stand true to God and stay in the center of His will so that we can win more souls to the Lord.

I would like to thank God for our pastor, Brother Broome, and his family who have been a great blessing to me and my family. May God bless each reader.

—Mrs. E. Price



Pray for the healing of my daughter who is mentally ill and for my granddaughter to be healed of a mouth infection. Also pray for my unsaved children.

—An EVANGEL reader

Pray that my husband will stop drinking and get right with God. Also pray for the healing of my body.

—A sister in Christ

Pray for God to heal a blessed saint of God and Church of God minister who is dying of cancer.

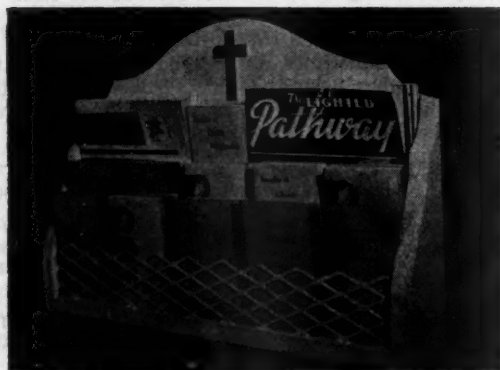
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# Tract and Magazine Racks



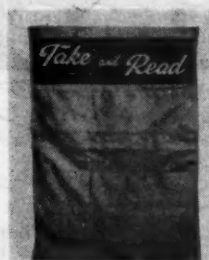
## Wooden Tract Rack

Made of hardwood and art board with an expanded metal front. The rack is white with black flecks. Has black cross emblem at top center. Has 10 pockets for tracts and two pockets for *The Lighted Pathway* and the *Evangel*. May be placed on table or hung on wall. Weight is 10 pounds. Size is 22 x 15 inches. Regular price, \$10.00; introductory price, only \$7.50 plus postage.

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